

## Rushing In Waves

Jim White

He was in town for just a while  
Back at home he left alone his lover and his child  
And some land that he worked and a guitar he would play  
On the porch while the sun set at the ending of the day

She wore a flower in her hair  
Took his order at the table and he tried hard not to stare  
When she bent to take his glass away  
The flower softly fell  
Without thought he caught it  
Like the binding of a spell

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Goes when it's still wanted  
Leaving nothing at all  
And love came rushing in waves  
Came rushing in waves  
Between them

The flower, as I said, was like  
The binding of a spell  
And he put it in a bottle by the bed in his hotel  
And the demons that pursued him  
Faded in her bodies warmth  
And she seemed to call him home  
Like guiding starlight in a storm

As she slept she dreamed she walked  
A thousand miles  
Searching endlessly in sorrow  
Like a mother for her child  
She saw telegraph poles  
Stretching out across the snow  
Like a line of fading heartbeats  
Or the feathers of a crow

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He left her sleeping, rode away  
She woke alone and empty  
At the breaking of the day  
The flower from her hair was gone  
And so was he  
And she realized she'd known  
That that's the way that it would be

And he sang his sadness to the wind  
Closed his eyes to memorize  
The sweet touch of her skin  
And it grieved his soul to think maybe  
He had done her harm  
So he dropped the flower in the creek

To try to break the charm

And she never saw her love again  
Though she smiled and gave herself  
To many other men  
She would picture his face  
At the end of every day  
'Til the bottle that she had  
Would somehow take the pain away

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